FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 2, 1888.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1887,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR.

BOSTON:
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OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION FOR 1888.

Trustees.

SAMUEL R. PAYSON	*Term expires in* 1888.
T. QUINCY BROWNE	" " 1888.
HENRY A. RICE	" " 1889.
CHANNING CLAPP	" " 1889.
J. MONTGOMERY SEARS	" " 1890.
CHARLES F. CHOATE	" " 1890.
RICHARD M. HODGES	" " 1891.
DAVID R. WHITNEY	" " 1891.
ISRAEL M. SPELMAN	" " 1892.
JEROME JONES	" " 1892.
WILLIAM S. EATON	" " 1893.
ROGER WOLCOTT	" " 1893.

President.

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN.

Treasurer.

H. B. MACKINTOSH.

Secretary.

L. G. FARMER.

Superintendent.

JAMES W. LOVERING.

Foreman.

C. McARTHUR.

Supt. of Interments.

EDWARD PATCHET.

Gardener.

R. H. MOLTMAN.

Office of the Corporation.

5 PEMBERTON SQUARE,

BOSTON.

Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY,

P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Orders for work on lots may be given at either office, or sent by mail to Superintendent at Cemetery.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees herewith submit to the proprietors the *fifty-sixth annual report.

The usual details of the operations of the cemetery are fully given in the reports of the Superintendent and the Treasurer, herewith submitted.

It will be seen that the various funds have increased, as follows: —

The addition to the Repair fund is $33,821.46, and that fund now amounts to $530,473.71. It should be remembered that the Repair fund is not to be regarded as an asset of the Corporation. The full amount is estimated to be balanced by the obligations which have been assumed for the perpetual care of the lots and monuments.

The Permanent fund has increased $6,964.69, and amounts to $271,368.75.

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* Mount Auburn Cemetery was consecrated by public religious exercises on Saturday, Sept. 24, 1831. Its first four years were spent under the auspices of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and its affairs were managed by a committee of that body, called the "Cemetery and Garden Committee," who duly reported their doings to the parent society. April 25, 1835, the act incorporating the proprietors of the cemetery of Mount Auburn was accepted, and the proprietors proceeded to organize by the choice of the following nine Trustees: Joseph Story, Samuel Appleton, George Bond, Jacob Bigelow, Benjamin A. Gould, Charles Brown, Charles P. Curtis, James Read, and Joseph P. Bradlee. Subsequently Hon. Joseph Story was chosen President, George Bond, Esq., Treasurer, and Benjamin R. Curtis, Esq., Secretary. Their first report was made in 1836 and copied on the records. This report was made orally, as were all subsequent reports until the year 1856, when the series of printed reports commenced. This, therefore, including the years passed under the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, is the report for the fifty-sixth year.

The General fund shows an increase of $5,891.82, and amounts to $52,134.08.

The bronze statue of the late Dr. Bowditch has been recast during the past year. The facts in regard to this statue may prove interesting to the proprietors, and are worthy of record at this time. The early history of this statue is found in the invaluable History of Mount Auburn Cemetery, by Jacob Bigelow, president of the corporation, published in 1859. The following extracts are made from pages 52 and 53 of that book : —

" At a meeting of the Trustees Jan. 31, 1848, the following vote was passed : —

" '*Whereas*, The Trustees of the subscribers to the statue of the late Dr. Bowditch have paid the customary price for the land on which the statue now stands, therefore, voted that all the land included within the exterior side of the fence around said statue be, and the same is hereby appropriated and dedicated forever to the use and purpose of sustaining and protecting the said statue.'

" This statue has been erected under difficulties from the proceeds of a subscription raised soon after the death of Dr. Bowditch, in 1838. The committee having charge of the work had contracted with Mr. Ball Hughes for a bronze statue, to be delivered within a certain time. Mr. Hughes completed the model, but failed to produce the bronze casting. The committee, after waiting a number of years, and repeatedly extending the time of the contract, at length broke off their negotiation with Mr. Hughes, and declared the contract void. Mr. Hughes, however, persevered, and, with the assistance of a benevolent friend, at length completed an imperfect casting, which the subscribers thought proper to accept. Of its present condition, an opinion may be formed from the following vote of the Trustees, May 10, 1853 : —

" '*Voted*, That a committee of one be appointed to cause the statue of Dr. Bowditch to be repaired by stopping the holes and painting the whole of a bronze color.'

" It is to be hoped that this memorial to the memory of a distinguished philosopher and citizen, of which the design is better than the execution, may be restored, as it can only be, by a new casting, to be sought from those who venerate his memory."

The expectation of the late President has been realized. Through the liberality of J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., acting in behalf of the family, the statue has been recast at Paris, France, with great care, and now stands in renewed beauty once more upon its pedestal, with as fair a prospect of permanence as anything mortal can command.

At a meeting of the Trustees held on the twenty-third of September, 1887, the following votes were passed, which are given in full from the records to complete the history of this statue: —

"*Voted*, That the thanks of the Board be presented to J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., for his generous gift of the recasting of the bronze statue of his father, the late Nathaniel Bowditch; also,"

"*Voted*, That the President and Treasurer be authorized to sign the following contract for the preservation and perpetual care of said statue: —"

"'Memorandum of agreement made this eighth day of July, A. D. 1887, between the proprietors of Mount Auburn Cemetery and J. Ingersoll Bowditch. The said Bowditch having this day paid to the Treasurer of said Corporation the sum of two hundred dollars, the Corporation hereby agrees to invest the said sum and use the yearly income thereof for cleaning the bronze statue of Dr. Nathaniel Bowditch, now in the grounds of said Corporation, by brushing the same twice a year; but in no event is the statue ever to be painted, or cleaned by the use of pumice-stone, or in any other way or manner except only by brushing.

"'In witness whereof the Corporation has caused its common seal to be hereto affixed, and these presents to be executed by its President and Treasurer, hereby duly authorized, and the said J. Ingersoll Bowditch has hereto set his hand and seal on the day and year first above written.'"

For several years the Trustees have felt the necessity of securing a new supply of water. The springs, by which the lakes are supplied, have latterly been only sufficient to maintain these sheets of water at their usual level during the dry seasons; and to draw them down by pumping seriously impaired their natural beauty. It was becoming more and more evident that a gradual failure of supply would take place, as the lands adjacent to the cemetery were taken up for building purposes, and that the evil would constantly increase with the growth of the city. After some experiments in previous

years, sufficient to ascertain that there was an abundance of water at a depth of ninety to one hundred feet below the surface of the cemetery, the Trustees finally decided to have recourse to what are called driven wells. Accordingly during the past year such wells have been driven with signal success. The system consists of two large iron wells of six inches diameter, and nine smaller ones of two inches diameter, suitably arranged, and connected with each other and with the pumping engines. These wells will yield at the rate of five hundred gallons per minute, or three hundred thousand gallons per day of ten working hours. They were driven and the connections made by B. F. Smith, Esq., during the past spring and summer; and at a cost, as shown in the Treasurer's report, of $4,850. The supply is ample for our present purposes, and may undoubtedly be increased if desirable. It completely does away with the necessity of drawing from the lakes and exhausting the springs which feed them.

Many proprietors will learn with regret of the death of our late gardener, Joseph Collins, just before the opening of the last summer. He had been in the employ of the Corporation in that capacity for fifteen years, and had endeared himself to the proprietors by uniform courtesy and careful consideration of their wishes, and to the officers of the Corporation by faithful performance of duty.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	40
" old lots improved by being graded and sodded	76
" old lots bounded with granite posts	6
" lots enclosed with granite	0
" lots enclosed with iron fence	0
" lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	125
" tombs removed	6
" headstones erected	389
" monuments erected	36
" iron fences removed	65
" hedges removed	2
" granite curbings removed	2

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last Report		25,930
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1887	559	
" removals from other cemeteries	36	
Total number of interments for the year		595
" " " in cemetery		26,525
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	32	
" " " " interments in public lots	38	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS: —

To public lots	5	
To private lots	60	
Total removals within the cemetery		65
" " from the cemetery		21
Total number of removals		86

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$20,612.48
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sale of lots	$13,323.13		
" deposits in receiving tomb	871.00		
		$14,194.13	
For deeds, transfers, etc.		176.00	
" labor and material on lots		56,448.34	
Interest on loan		900.00	
From investments		15,000.00	
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, for income on Permanent Fund		8,000.00	
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for one quarter part of expenditures, as follows: —			
Grading Birch to Eagle and Cherry Avenues	$172.51		
" Glen Avenue (Watriss lot)	56.25		
" Maple and Viburnum Avenues	99.00		
One quarter of	$327.76	81.94	
			94,800.41
			$115,412.89

FOR THE 56TH YEAR, 1887.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —			
For labor (pay roll)	$36,292.87		
" materials	10,989.90		
" repairs of buildings and fences	1,563.38		
		$48,846.15	
For expenses, — salaries		7,399.80	
" office expenses		1,745.34	
" taxes on real estate		679.78	
" sewer taxes		281.75	
" insurance		520.50	
" water works		4,850.00	
" investment		30,000.00	
To amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales		3,178.03	
To amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for Permanent Fund		4,439.04	
To graves purchased	$40.00		
" new receiving tomb drawback	42.00		
		82.00	
			$102,022.39
Balance in hands of Treasurer			13,390.50
			$115,412.89

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in hand of Treasurer, as per last report		$5,142.25
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$57,000.00	
" endowments	25,012.25	
" income of investments	27,040.61	
		109,052.86
		$114,195.11
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$18,231.40	
" notes receivable	86,800.00	
		$105,031.40
Balance in hands of Treasurer		9,163.71
		$114,195.11

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report	$496,652.25	
Additions during the year	33,821.46	
		$530,473.71
Invested as follows: —		
Notes receivable, secured by mortgage	$503,500.00	
$10,000 Boston City bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		$521,310.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		9,163.71
		$530,473.71

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$13,390 50
Loan		30,000.00
Bills for labor and material uncollected	$10,011.29	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,267.71	
		8,743.58
		$52,134.08

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$264,404.06
Deposited in December, 1887	$4,439.04	
Interest	2,525.65	
		6,964 69
		$271,368.75

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, green-houses, and 64,176 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Jan. 2, 1888.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $13,390.50, and in the fund for repairs, $9,163.71.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY A. RICE, } *Committee on Finance.*

BOSTON, Jan. 11, 1888.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city in Massachusetts, or in first mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole repair fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report, which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guarantee*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation, *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

J. W. LOVERING,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

Form for Clause in Will to bequeath Money for "Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty," of Lot.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my lot, No. on the way called in said cemetery.

Form for Clause in Will directing "Reconveyance of Lot to Corporation, in Trust."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial-place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS,

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES

FOR 1888.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING.	
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the next larger size, when that fraction exceeds 50 feet.
300 " "	3.00	2 00	
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6.00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

Estimates for grading and Sodding, and Repairs on Lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge. Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single Chamber Tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded, and the necessary re-interments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding or corner posts when required.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Pemberton Square.

BOSTON, Jan. 23, 1883.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 6, at 3½ o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees, and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.